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Amendments to the Title

Please amend the title as follows:

~~SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR LISTING ACTIVITIES IN A GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE IN A~~
COLLABORATIVE WORK TOOL ARCHITECTURE

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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the summary of the invention as follows. This amendment will allow the summary to mirror the allowed claims.

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A system, method and ~~article of manufacture~~ program are provided for listing activities in a graphical user interface in a collaborative work tool framework. An activity window having activity description data, activity start data, activity duration data, and an activity status data is displayed. Then, an activity is defined in response to user selection of a defined activity button, wherein the defined activity is thereafter displayed in the activity window and the defined activity includes an activity description, a start time, a duration, and a status. ~~Next, a~~ Finally, A status for the defined activity is determined based on the start time ~~activity start data~~ for the defined activity and the activity duration data for the defined activity. Finally, background information relevant to the defined activity is automatically acquired, including automatically obtaining the activity description when the start time is within a predetermined period, parsing and pattern matching the activity description to identify searchable components thereof, querying a plurality of sources across a network to obtain the background information, and receiving the background information in response to querying the plurality of sources.

In one aspect of the present invention, the activity may be defined as a brainstorming activity. Optionally, the activity may be defined as a categorization activity. Also optionally, the activity may be defined as a voting activity.

In one embodiment of the present invention, a message window capable of displaying user messages in real-time may be displayed. In another embodiment, the defined activity may be sent to a database in response to user selection of a submit button.

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Additionally, the defined activity may be sent to a specific participant user in response to user selection of the specific participant user from a participant user menu.